

**Conference on Effectively Restoring Ecosystems**  
**22-24 August 2000, St. Louis, Missouri**

**BACKGROUND**

**Session:** Plenary 1

**Topic:** Administrative Announcements

**Moderator and Recorder:** Cheryl Smith, CECW-PG

**Participants:**

- David Leake, CEMVS
- Cheryl Smith, CECW-PG
- Karen Bautsch, CEMVS-PM

**Objective:** To welcome and orient conference attendees.

**Description:** The session consisted of welcome and opening presentations as well as administrative announcements.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

The conference was officially opened at approximately 0810 hours. After Cheryl Smith recognized the MVS hosts, David Leake, Deputy Chief Project Management, welcomed attendees to St. Louis. Cheryl Smith noted that the conference attendees included representatives from Districts, Divisions, Field Operating Activities and Headquarters as well as numerous guests. The agenda for the technical program was reviewed, with presentations by MG Van Winkle and the guest speakers highlighted. Note was also made of the Defense conference which was being held concurrently and the need for attendees to wear their conference badges at all times. Security guards were also maintaining certain areas of the hotel as off limits. Karen Bautsch reviewed the social activities scheduled for the week. She awarded MVS water bottles to the first individuals to identify the typographical error on the first page of the agenda.